

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 25, 2014**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Fowler	Aroma Park
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mr. Bossert	Kankakee County
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mayor Epstein	Kankakee
Mayor Nugent	Manteno
Mr. Allen	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
Ms. Ruble	Representing Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Skimerhorn, Mr. Greenstreet and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Blakley, Ms. Messina and Ms. Baxter, IDOT; Mr. Mulholland, Aroma Park; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Hoffmann and Mr. Koning, METRO; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Dr. Emmerlich, Economic Alliance; Mr. Fenton, Herald and Mr. Meyer, URS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Epstein called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Adams moved approval of the May 7, 2014 minutes. Mayor Nugent seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mayor Schore moved that the Agenda be approved, and Mayor Nugent seconded. Unanimous vote.

**FY 2014 TIP AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Lammey stated that there were none.

## **FINAL FY 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey presented the projects in the document to the committee, and discussed the issue of fiscal constraint. Mr. Paukovitz brought up the issue of a number of milling and resurfacing projects coming up using straight state funding, and whether these projects should be in the document. Mr. Lammey stated that it has been the practice in the past to include straight state funding in the document, to satisfy the public information goal of the TIP document. Mr. Hoffmann stated that staff has the authority to move projects around and to modify funding estimates, and that this authority could be used. Mr. Lammey stated that a number of amendments to the document will be brought to the MPO Committees for action at the August meetings.

Mr. Tyson stated that the Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed the **FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program** for accuracy, and passed the document to the Policy Committee for action. Chairman Bossert moved approval, and Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

## **2007-2011 CRASH DATA**

Mr. Lammey presented maps showing crash data for the years 2007-2011 (the years mandated for consideration in the Long-Range Plan process) for state roadways, classified non-state roadways, and for local roads. He stated that this data would be in the Long-Range Transportation Plan document.

## **METRO UPDATES**

Mr. Hoffmann stated that METRO has received approval on some grants, and that information on the ADA improvements would be forthcoming to each of the Mayors soon.

## **IDOT UPDATES**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes. Chairman Bossert asked about detour routes for the planned closing of the railroad crossing on Illinois Route 17 in Limestone Township. Mr. Paukovitz stated that a truck detour will be marked, but there are no plans for a marked detour route for cars.

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Tyson reported that the Safety Committee was working on Vision, Mission Statement, and Goals, and that a subcommittee was being formed to look at individual crashes and causes.

## **BROOKMONT BOULEVARD**

Mr. McBurney stated that there was no change.

## **INDUSTRIAL DRIVE**

Dr. Gingerich stated that there was no change.

## **LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION**

Mr. Meyer discussed the progress on the study, including the timeline for the study, and

significant events in the future. He discussed the goals and objectives that had been discussed with the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee. Mr. Meyer discussed each of the goals, and highlighted the objectives, targets, measures, and strategies associated with each goal.

Some discussion centered around public information for the Long-Range Transportation Plan process. Mr. Paukovitz suggested that social media might be used to obtain public input.

In discussion of the goals and objectives, Mayor Epstein asked about the bids for the proposed Aviation Support Facility and Readiness Center at the Greater Kankakee Airport. Ms. Ruble stated that the bids came in \$9 million high on a \$43 million estimate, and that the planned September ground breaking has been delayed.

Mr. Meyer stated that travel delay will be discussed at the next meeting. He stated that routes have been designated for which delay measurements will be taken. Mr. Lammey stated that the data will be collected in September, after schools have reopened.

Mayor Schore stated that roundabouts are in more and more discussions. Mr. Blakley from IDOT stated that one has been built in Kendall County. Mr. Meyer stated that this issue will receive some discussion in the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. Meyer brought up the subject of project scoring, and discussed possible criteria for scoring. Mayor Epstein asked about the details of how this process would work, and Mr. Meyer stated that the highest rated project is not always the project picked for funding, in that fiscal constraint will always be an issue. Mr. Paukovitz stated his belief that the most important point on objective rating of projects is that these ratings and the process be passed to the next generation of decision makers, so that they have some history. Mr. Lammey stated that an email will be sent to each jurisdiction, asking for projects to be submitted for the project scoring process.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Epstein stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on August 27, 2014.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Adams moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 4:40 P.M.

## IDOT PROJECT STATUS – KANKAKEE URBAN AREA

Note: Targeted contract lettings of projects cited below are contingent upon approval of the Governor and allocation of funds by the General Assembly.

1. **Proposed I-57 Interchange at Bourbonnias Parkway/6000 N Road** – IDOT, District 3 continues with land acquisitions. The proposed August 2014 contract letting is in jeopardy as little or no progress has been made with negotiations between the CN railroad & ICC. Meantime, utilities are being relocated. Agreement with Bourbonnais is completed. Agreement with Bradley is pending.
2. **IL 17 – From Four Lane Pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone** – Illinois 17 at the Norfolk and Southern railroad crossing will be closed to traffic for an entire week while the crossing is being reconstructed. The target date is the week of July 21, 2014. However, this date can change depending upon progress the project. Electronic signing will be provided at the site for two weeks prior thereby providing advance notice to motorists of the closure. Newspaper and radio media will also be used to inform the traveling public of the closure.
3. **Interstate 57 at IL 17 (Court Street) – Interchange in Kankakee** – Phase I engineering of the proposed interchange replacement will continue through summer 2015.
4. **I-57 and IL 50 Interchange Reconstruction** – This project is completed.
5. **I-57 Just North and South of the Kankakee River and Replacement of Kankakee River Bridge** – The southbound bridge has been removed & work has begun building the substructure of new future southbound bridge. Meantime, two way traffic will utilize the northbound bridge. Construction of the pedestrian underpass has begun.
6. **Spring Maintenance Road Repair Involving Intermittent Milling and Resurfacing and Joint Patching at Various Locations:** – Three locations within the urbanized area are included in IDOT's Spring Repair program. They are as follows:
  - Illinois 50 (Kinzie Ave.): From just south of I-57 southerly to Grinnel Rd.
  - U.S. 45/52: Between Armour Road and St. George Road
  - US 45/52: Between Manteno Road and the Will County Line

Being that all work is at 100% state funding and placement on the TIP of action by KATS is not required. This road work is considered by the administration as maintenance work in kind. Citing of locations is for information purposes. Work is to occur this summer and into the fall, via area wide contracts. Letters have been sent to the affected municipalities. Bids have come in on the high side.

**ALSO SEE** ----- The listing of "Illinois Jobs Now" program projects relating to proposed milling and resurfacing various segments of state routes within Kankakee County.

## "Illinois Jobs Now" State Highway Rehabilitation Program

Under the "Illinois Jobs Now" program, the sale of bonds has provided additional revenue to repair various locations of the statewide highway system. The proposed scope of work consists of milling and resurfacing of traffic lanes only. Excluded are rehabilitation of curbs, parking lanes, traffic signals, roadway lighting, bike accommodations, utilities, sidewalks, etc. Sidewalks and curbs will be addressed only when ADA locations are impacted by pavement work.

All work is at 100% State funding. Consequently, projects within the urbanized are not necessarily required to be included in the KATS TIP, but can be added for informational purposes. These projects are scheduled for a special August 2014 IDOT contract letting. However, these projects will occur through Fall of 2014 and through summer 2015.

Based upon field inspections and the availability of funds, nine projects have been selected within Kankakee County. Five of the nine proposed projects are located within the KATS urbanized area. The eight projects are as follows:

### **Within the KATS Urbanized Area:**

1. IL 17 (Court St.): From the west end of the city of Kankakee at the start of the four lane pavement extending easterly to N 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. located near St. Mary Provena Hospital.
2. U.S. 45/52 (Portions of Washington St., East St. & Schuler Ave.): From Illinois 17 (Court St.) southerly to just north of the I-57 interchange at the south end of Kankakee..
3. IL 50 (Kinzie Ave.): From just south of the concrete pavement of the newly constructed I-57/IL. 50 interchange in Bradley southerly to Grinnell Road in Kankakee.
4. IL 50 (Kinzie Ave.): From 0.70 mile north of Indian Oaks Road (N 5000 Rd.) northerly to Fifth Street in Manteno.
5. U.S. 45/52 (Convent St.): From Armour Road northerly to Indian Oaks Road in Bourbonnais.

**Rural Kankakee County Outside of the KATS Urbanized Area**

1. IL 17: From Herscher Road (Co. Hwy. 12/ W 1200 Rd.) easterly to the Norfolk and Southern Railroad crossing in Limestone.
2. IL 1 & 17: From Illinois 114 (Range St.) in Momence southerly and westerly to the south junction of IL 1 & 17, located near Sun River Terrace.
3. IL 1 & 17: From Illinois 114 in Momence, northerly and easterly through Grant Park to the north junction of IL 1 & 17, located just east of Grant Park.
4. IL 1: From the north junction of IL 1 & 17, located just east of Grant Park, northerly to the Will County line.